

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1129

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to commend Robert Callahan for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Robert Callahan is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Jim Kyle; Robert's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Memphis, Mr. Callahan is highly regarded by his peers, and through his academic fortitude, hard work, and determination, he will graduate *summa cum laude* in May of this year with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Robert Callahan brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2010 session of the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Callahan's leadership skills and dedication to achievement were on display while honorably serving as Speaker Pro Tempore of the 2010 Mock Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Callahan has served his internship with the utmost ability and integrity, earning the respect and admiration of Senator Kyle and his staff alike while scheduling daily appointments, briefing Senator Kyle on committee proceedings, preparing weekly committee agendas, assisting in weekly legislative review and analysis, and fulfilling the role of Senator Kyle's administrative assistant while she was on long term leave; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Callahan's many achievements are a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Carolyn and Clay Thomas, and Mike and Peggy Callahan, and his siblings, Kelly Callahan, Maggie Callahan, Patrick Callahan, and Will Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Robert Callahan has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum throughout the 2010 legislative session, surpassing all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern, and Senator Jim Kyle and his staff wish to thank Mr. Callahan for his outstanding work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Robert Callahan for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Jim Kyle and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.